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NEWS RELEASE – POST-ELECTION AUDIT

Black Hawk County on Thursday conducted its required post-election audit of a voting precinct following the June 7 Primary Election. The audit resulted in a perfect match. Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate witnessed the audit, accompanied by members of the local news media.

Secretary Pate wanted to draw attention to the audit to highlight the many steps Iowa takes to protect the integrity and security of elections. By law, the Secretary of State chooses a precinct at random in each county the day after an election. The audit requires county auditors to supervise a hand count of the top race on the first ballot style in that precinct and compare the results to the voting machine count from election night.

For Black Hawk County, the precinct drawn was Waterloo Ward 1, Precinct 2. Since that precinct was consolidated with Ward 3, Precinct 1 the ballots for both precincts were recounted. Both the machine and the hand counts came up with the following totals:

276 ballots cast

Democratic U.S. Senator
Abby Finkenauer – 67
Michael Franken – 83
Glenn Hurst – 5

Republican U.S. Senator
Jim Carlin – 24
Chuck Grassley – 96
Undervote – 1

The audit was conducted by the Absentee and Special Voters Precinct Board under the supervision of Elections Manager Karen Showalter.

Questions about the post-election audit and other election matters may be directed to the Election Office at 319-833-3007 or election@blackhawkcounty.iowa.gov.